

## CLAIMS

1. A wheel comprising a hollow central body, in which a coupling element for coupling to a wheel shaft and to the central body is present, characterized in that the coupling element is a coupling element that is exchangeable in dependence on the fact whether the wheel shaft is a driven shaft or not.
- 10 2. A wheel according to claim 1, characterized in that the wheel, in the case of a wheel driven by the wheel shaft, comprises an insert as the coupling element.
- 15 3. A wheel according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the wheel, in the case of a wheel not driven via the wheel shaft, comprises a shaft bearing as the coupling element.
- 20 4. A wheel according to any one of the claims 1-3, characterized in that the central body is provided with internal coupling means to provide a rotatable or rigid coupling with the wheel shaft.
- 25 5. A wheel according to any one of the claims 1-4, characterized in that the wheel comprises a housing which is coupled to the central body in a non-rotatable manner by first coupling means, and in that the coupling element is coupled to the housing by second coupling means.
- 30 6. A wheel according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that said coupling means have teeth.
7. A wheel according to any one of the claims 1-6, characterized in that the wheel is provided with a brake.

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8. A wheel according to claim 6 and claim 7,  
characterized in that said brake is present within the  
housing.

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9. A wheel according to claim 8, characterized in  
that said brake is a drum brake.

10. A wheel according to any one of the claims 6-9,  
characterized in that the central body, the coupling  
element, i.e. the shaft bearing or the insert, the housing  
and possibly the brake are mutually detachable and are  
constructed as exchangeable components.

15 11. A wheel according to any one of the claims 1-10,  
characterized in that the wheels is a vehicle wheel, which  
may or may not be driven.

20 12. A wheel according to any one of the claims 1-11,  
characterized in that the shaft bearing is a double-angle  
contact bearing.

13. A wheel according to claim 1-12, characterized in  
that said wheel is dish-shaped.

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14. A wheel according to any one of the claims 1-13,  
characterized in that the wheel has been produced by means  
of a Thixo moulding process.

30 15. A vehicle comprising a wheel according to any one  
of the claims 1-14, which wheel comprises a hollow central  
body, in which a coupling element for coupling to a wheel  
shaft and to the central body is present, characterized in  
that the coupling element is a coupling element that is

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exchangeable in dependence on the fact whether the wheel shaft is a driven shaft or not.

16. A method for driving a wheel comprising a wheel according to any one of the claims 1-14, which is coupled to a wheel shaft via a coupling element, characterized in that the wheel shaft is coupled to the central body via the coupling element, the coupling element being a coupling element that is exchangeable in dependence on the fact whether the wheel shaft is a driven shaft or not.